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Split Decision

The Lady Mavs grab first place at the 1994 Cactus Classic. The men's team is lucky against Wichita. PAID OMAHA, NEBR. Permit No. 301

## Senate Supports Increase, College

By Kate Kalamaja

The Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution backing a proposed 4-percent increase in state appropriations for the University of Nebraska system (NU) Thursday.

The university has already requested a proposed increase, and the student governments within the NU system are making their input and concern known.

Student President/Regent-elect Justin Peterson said he attended a conference last weekend with the other NU student president/regent elects. One of the topics they discussed was the decrease in money aided toward the NU system, he said.

The soon-to-be student president/regents wrote up the resolution and each would take the resolution back to their Student Senates to vote on.

The goal, Peterson said, is to have all four of the student governments in the NU system; UNO, University of Nebraska Medical Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and University of Nebraska at Kearney, pass the resolution.

"If we don't get our proposed increase of 4 percent," Peterson said, "our tuition will go up and our budget cut will go up."

Peterson said it would be important to keep tuition down in order to stay competitive with the surrounding states.

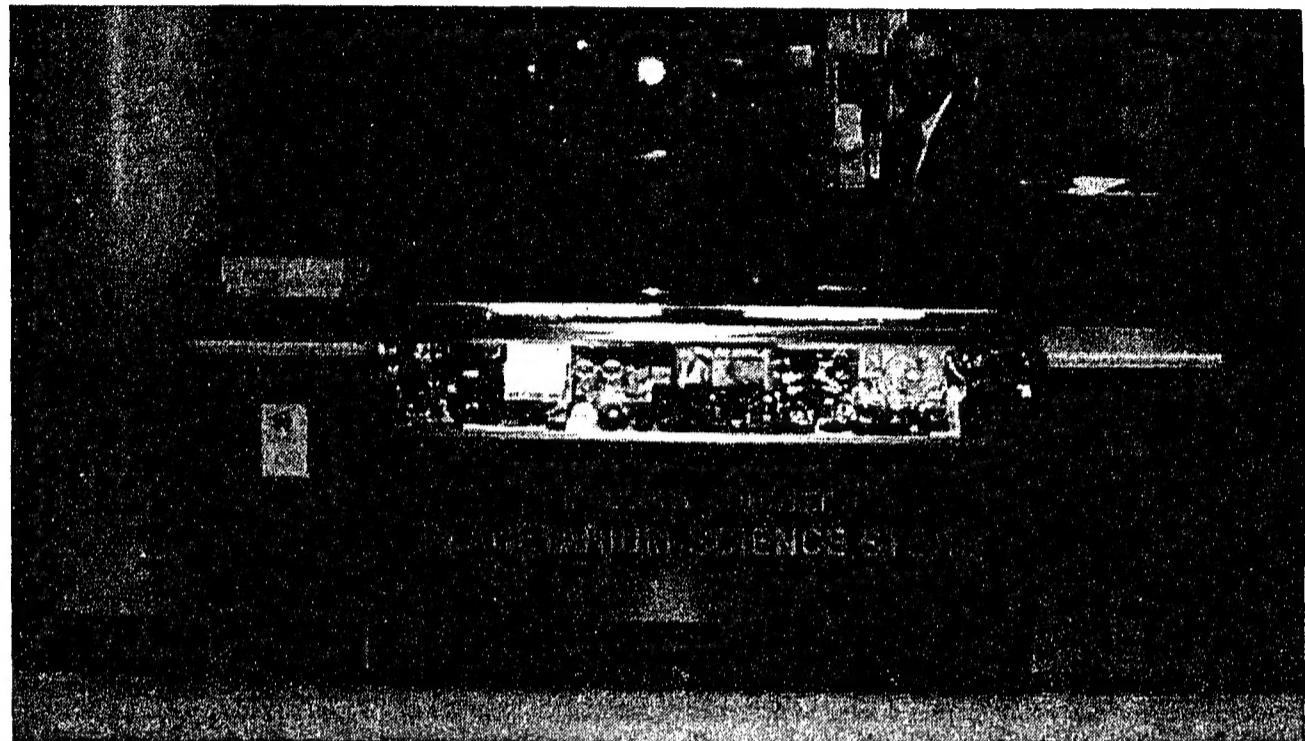
The student president/regents will present the resolution backing the NU systems' request for the increase to the Legislature on Jan. 23, at the Capital Rotunda in Lincoln.

The Senate suspended the rules of the meeting in order to vote on the resolution, which isn't usually done unless the issue is of utmost importance, said Student/President Regent Matt Schulz.

Schulz briefed the Senate on how the engineering presentation went last Tuesday. He announced the university's engineering task force had released its report on the status of engineering education in the state. The task force included a plan for a separate College of Engineering in its report.

Student Senator Jason Banks, who represents the College of Engineering, said he is doing what he can for the engineering issue.

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—Ed Carlson

Kim Fay, left, assistant manager at the Kountze Planetarium Science Store, and Robert Graham, physics department chairman, are ready for business. The store is located in the Durham Science Center.

## Planetarium, Science Center Expand Offerings

By Thomas Foster

Mark Wallerstedt brought students from a home school in Oakland, Neb., to see the Kountze Planetarium show at UNO. After the show, he and the students saw the Durham Science Discovery Center located in the Durham Science Center atrium.

"The exhibitions are intriguing," Wallerstedt said, "the kids loved them and they fit into our curriculum."

In the future, the exhibitions may travel to the students rather than Wallerstedt driving to Omaha.

The center recently acquired a used van and plans to build a mobile science center to help teach science and math education with containerized exhibitions. The Nebraska National Science Foundation, EPSCORE, partially funded the van.

"We will begin using the van in Omaha (schools) and as the project develops, move to other areas farther out in the state," said Robert Graham, chairman of the physics department.

The Durham Science Discovery Center is evolving as well. The center will exchange current NASA exhibitions in Jan-

ary and April of next year. NASA provides the educational panels at no cost, but the center pays for shipping.

The center paid \$1,000 to ship four panels. The center also pays for some materials used to build exhibitions, such as Jacob's Ladder.

A 15-member committee with members representing all the departments in the Durham Science Center oversees the center, Graham said. The physics department currently provides most of the center's funds.

To help fund these and future projects, Graham established the Kountze Planetarium Science Store. Visitors at the Durham Science Center can find the store in the atrium.

"We build most of the exhibitions (for the center) ourselves," he said, "but it costs money for materials and shipping. The profits of the store will go toward these costs," he said.

The complete store, including a cash register, counter space, stock drawers and a display case with over a hundred items for sale, moves on wheels.

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## Changing Seasons Can Affect Mental Health

By Susan McElligott

As autumn gives way to winter and darkness swallows more time out of each day, many people begin to feel starved for sunlight.

About 8 percent of Omaha's population is severely affected by the lack of sunshine during the fall and winter months, said Jeannie Longa, a mental health counselor. These people find themselves sleeping and eating more, gaining weight, feeling fatigued, socializing less and having trouble coping with day-to-day life, all of which are symptoms of seasonal affective disorder (SAD), she said.

Longa described SAD as a genetic trait and said women are three times more likely than men to be affected. It is especially common in women who are in their menstrual years, she said. The number of cases rises in proportion to geographical location, with rates of occurrence higher in northern areas. Symptoms appear anytime after the clocks turn back in autumn and linger until spring.

"We are creatures of the light," she said. "Our systems respond to the amount of light that we receive."

The human retina reacts to diminishing daylight by sending a message to the pineal gland in the brain to produce melatonin, a hormone released in the body at night. Expos-

sure to bright light, such as daylight, stops this process.

"Light has always been our natural trigger to wake up and to go to sleep," she said. However, some people are more sensitive to its influence than others.

Seasonal and weather changes influence most people to some degree, Longa said, but for those who have SAD, these changes can be paralyzing. Those affected often struggle through day-to-day functions and become seriously depressed.

Technically, SAD is considered to be a form of depression with a seasonal pattern, which has many atypical features, she said. For example, depressed people often have insomnia and a lack of appetite, whereas those who have SAD experience symptoms that are just the opposite, she said.

About 17 percent of Omaha's population has sub-SAD, a less severe form of the disorder, she said. These people are able to function in normal-light conditions of winter, but find their lives are enhanced when they receive more light, she said.

"For people with sub-SAD, clinicians say to get out more, get as much sunlight as possible, go for walks, avoid wearing sunglasses and sit by windows," she said. "Take

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## Last-Minute Studying Pushes Stress Limits

By Adrienne Rabick

Students who put off studying until the last minute may find it difficult to access the UNO Library and computer user rooms in the final weeks of the fall semester.

Cramming an entire semester of studying into one week is a method of learning commonly practiced on many college campuses.

Waiting until the night before a paper is due to write it on a computer in the user room may cause procrastinating students stress. The last week of class before final exams is the busiest in the computer user rooms.

"We're down to the people who are the best procrastinators," said Joe Zifkovsky, manager of student user rooms.

He said the stress levels in the computer labs are incredible at this time in the semester. The lab consultants are on duty to assist students and are also good at getting people to relax.

"People are asking questions about anything and everything," Zifkovsky said.

Labs accessible to UNO students are usually open past

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—Scott Kemper

## 'Under the Mistletoe'

*UNO's Chamber Choir (pictured), University Chorus and Concert Choir performed a holiday concert Sunday at the Strauss Performing Arts Recital Hall. Cina Crisara and John J. Bennett conducted with accompanists Ron Guthrie and Meg Johnson. The Chamber Choir (above) performs "Mistletoe" by Phyllis Wolfe. Pictured are front row: from left, Kelyn Ross, Jeremy Skelton, Camtrice Botos, Shawn McDonough, Megan Caputo. Back row: from left, Debbie Randolph, Cory Petermann, Laura Samuels, Ben Swift, Nicole Clarke and Bill Pratt. The music department will present "Amahl and the Night Visitors" Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Strauss Center.*

## Childhood, Ozark Memories Provide Material for Book

By Susan Tefft Fitzgerald

Art Homer, professor in UNO's Writers Workshop, turned an adventure in the Ozarks into a memoir.

University of Missouri Press recently published Homer's book, "The Drown't Boy—An Ozark Tale."

He described the book as "a little bit of everything."

It is the tale of a canoe trip he and his stepson took in the Ozarks about three or four years ago, he said. They traveled down a river during a flood, explored caves and watched rescuers in boats and helicopters searching for a "drown't boy."

Homer said "drown't" is "the old way of speaking" in the South but the word is really from Shakespearean English.

"They (the people of the Ozarks) have been isolated since they first came over from England," he said, and the word never changed.

He wove his own childhood memories of the Ozarks and southern Missouri into the story, he said. Homer was born in southern Missouri and lived there until he was about 10, he said.

Homer said "Drown't" is his first nonfiction book; he previously wrote three books of poetry. The Fine Arts Press at UNO published "What We Did After Rain" in 1984. "Tattoos" was published in 1986 and "Skies of Such Valuable Glass" was published in 1990.

Homer said there is a wider readership for prose than for poetry.

"I wanted to try my hand at something a little different," he said. "I wanted to grow as a writer."

After working on the book intermittently for about a year, he submitted the manuscript to several New York publishers. They responded with encouragement but they considered the book too big a risk, he said.

Homer sought advice from other writers and finally submitted his manuscript to a contest through the Associated Writing Program (AWP). The AWP is a nonprofit organization

of writers and writing programs that sponsor an annual competition for manuscripts in poetry, short story collections, novels and nonfiction, he said.

As a finalist in the competition, he won a chance to have the book published. The AWP acted as an agent by presenting it and helping to sell it to publishers, he said.

While waiting for the book to sell, he asked a former teacher, William Kittridge to write a "dustjacket blurb" for the book. Kittridge, a published author, agreed to write the blurb and gave Homer suggestions to improve the storyline.

"It's hard to get good criticism," Homer said. "Usually, you have to pay for it."

Originally, the book contained separate sections for the canoe trip and Homer's memories of his childhood, he said. Kittridge suggested blending the two together to give the story more connections.

Homer rewrote the story in a short time and University of Missouri Press agreed to publish the book.

"The University of Missouri Press is a really good place to be published," he said.

It took a year for the book to come out on bookshelves. During that time, the *Georgia Review*, the *Sun* and the *Agni Review* published three chapters, he said.

Homer said the American Library Association promotes the book and trade publications such as the *AWP Chronicle* advertises it. He attended the West American Literary Conference to publicize it and has also given readings from it, he said.

"Writing prose was easier because it felt like I was experimenting," Homer said. He found it much harder to rewrite, though, he said.

He recently finished a book of poetry and submitted it to publishers. Although University of Missouri Press has an option for his next book, they would not accept a book of poetry, he said.

"It's much easier to get prose published," Homer said.

Homer has some ideas for his next prose book but he hasn't started it yet, he said.

## NEWS bits

### Political Forum Focuses On Mayoral Candidates

UNO's Council for Community and Legislative Relations and UNO's Student President/Regent Matt Schulz will sponsor a forum with Mayoral Candidates Brenda Council and Hal Daub today at 7 p.m.

The forum will take place in the West Boot Hall of UNO's Alumni Center.

Candidates will appear separately and will answer questions from student panelists and audience members.

### Flynn Entered into Athletic Hall of Fame at Alma Mater

Richard Flynn, dean of UNO's College of Education has been inducted into the 1994 Athletic Hall of Fame at his alma mater, MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill.

Flynn, a three-sport letterman, played baseball, basketball and soccer at MacMurray. He lettered in baseball four years and was captain of the 1962 team and led the MacMurray Highlanders in hitting that year with a .411 average. He lettered in basketball in 1962-63 and in soccer in 1962 and 1963.

### Benefit Concert Slated for Cancer Victim Miller

A benefit concert for UNO student Michael Miller will take place Friday at NebraSki, located five miles west of Interstate 80 and exit 432.

Miller, a social work major, died of cancer Nov. 11 at age 36. The benefit is geared to help with health care and hospital costs. Admission is \$5 for the 8 p.m. concert. For more information, call (402) 944-2033.

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Banks said he sent memos informing people about the Engineering College and sent petitions around campus. Banks sent 836 memos to professors and administration on campus.

"The petition is in response to UNL's petition drive against the separate College of Engineering," Banks said. "I have over 150 signatures so far."

Banks said he is attempting to organize booths between 10 and 11 a.m. in front of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Building and the Library this week. He asked for volunteers at the meeting to help with the booths.

Banks said he and other engineering students are doing what they can before the Regents' meeting.

Schulz encouraged all the senators, and any others at UNO to try to attend the University of Nebraska Board of Regents meeting this Friday and Saturday. At the meeting, the Regents will debate and vote on the engineering issue. Student Government and the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) have organized two cars for anyone needing a ride to the meeting.

Aside from encouraging all to attend the Regents meeting, Schulz took a moment to thank the Senate and the students of UNO for the time he has spent in office. Tuesday was his last Senate meeting for his term as president/regent.

"Over the last four years, I've gotten a lot out of Student Government. I've become more realistic, less idealistic and less pessimistic," Schulz said. "I want to thank the students of UNO for giving me the opportunity to serve them over the last four years."

Student President/Regent-elect Peterson takes office Jan. 1.

#### In other business:

- Sens. Danielle Jensen and Annette Crowder were appointed to the Student Affairs Budget Committee (SABC)

- Margaret From was appointed to the College of Continuing Studies seat.

- Daniel Mark and Tiffany Lehn were appointed as SABC's student-at-large members.

# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Sleepout Gives Taste Of Lives of Homeless

It was a dark and stormy night. OK, it was a dark and foggy night. Anyway, out of the mist came a man in an old leather jacket that barely kept out the chill, with a rolled up blanket for a bedroll. He looked homeless. In fact, that evening, he was homeless. He was me.

Saturday I attended the fourth annual Great Plains Winter Sleepout, an overnight show of support for the homeless. People spend a night in a shelter-type situation, or sleep outside if they're really tough. The sleepout was at St. Cecilia's Cathedral this year.

Since the organizers of the sleepout had no money for advertising this year,

they relied on word of mouth and about 70 people showed up.

Folks of all flavors turned out for the rally, from kids belonging to youth groups and Boy Scout troops, to a half dozen Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity guys, to Carrah and Dominique, who stood up their dates to sleep in a cardboard box. There was even a sweet old lady of about 70 who slept outdoors, while some of the young men high-tailed it for the indoor shelter.

So why do they do this? There has to be better ways to spend your Saturday night than riding the turf on a football field in a damp sleeping bag. They do it every year for a simple reason: because there are many people out there who don't have the choice of sleeping indoors this winter. By spending a night in the sole-worn shoes of the homeless, hopefully people will understand what it feels like to live that way, and that it could happen to them, too.

Nobody really knows how many homeless there are out there, because you can't see them all the time. Even when you do see them, your mind doesn't really recognize them. You just put them out of your mind the way they have been put out of doors.

We found a very practical reason for not seeing the homeless when we slept out in the middle of the field that night: The wind and the cold will nail you out in the open. When you combine that with vagrants usually getting pushed around when discovered, you have good reasons to seek as much shelter as possible at night and to not look homeless in the daytime.

Besides, if you're trying to get back on your feet and get a job (and it looks as if more and more homeless are complete families trying to do just that), you need to look presentable.

Things like a shower or clean clothes can mean a lot to these people. I went straight to work from the sleepout, and let's just say I didn't have that fresh feeling after sucking fog vapor all night. If I were an employer, I wouldn't have hired myself in the shape I was in.

That is one of the biggest problems of the homeless: Once you've hit bottom, it can be pretty hard to get back up. If you apply for a job, for instance, what address do you put on the application? How do they phone you to let you know you've been hired? How do

you get up on time with no clock? (I got nailed on that one.) Trying to get an apartment or credit of any kind can be a

nightmare as well. So, out of desperation, some homeless people commit some crime, maybe get caught and then have a record to weigh them down. The odds can definitely get stacked against you when you're at the bottom of the deck.

The part you need to grab here is that, while some homeless are the stereotypical, scary criminal type, anybody can be homeless. One man's story was about how he was driving to California to get a good job there, when his car broke down in Omaha.

It took him six weeks to get a job and scrape the repair bills together. There are thousands of other stories, of families evicted from homes, parents losing jobs, or other crises that end up putting someone on the street.

The experience I had Saturday night taught me two important things, stuff that you already should know, but maybe just haven't really thought about. One: Being homeless sucks. It's cold, it's depressing, it's smelly. Two: People who want to climb out of the homeless trap need a boost up.

This can go from help from a shelter or a transition home down to an extra sandwich or a spare blanket. The point is, if you see an opportunity to help somebody down on their luck, then help.

Homeless people scare people because they're unknown, they're desperate and they have nothing left to lose. That does not automatically make them bad people. If you meet one on the street, use your head and don't get yourself into trouble. At the same time, don't write off every panhandler or vagrant as some scam artist or criminal either.

Remember, the only real difference between them and you is a few month's rent on the apartment.

## COLUMN

Eric Feeler

### FOUR WAYS A DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE CAN END HIS POLITICAL CAREER.



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## 'Why All the Trees, Gifts And New Year's Parties?'

Each year we celebrate New Year's Day and decorate Christmas trees.

How have these celebrations become so traditional in our lives?

Our word "holiday" comes from the Middle English "halidai," meaning holy day. Until recently, humankind's celebrations were of a religious nature. New Year's Day is one of the oldest and most universal of all such "holy day" festivals. Its story begins, oddly enough, at a time when there was no such thing as a calendar year. The time between the sowing of seeds and the harvesting of crops represented a year or cycle.

The earliest recorded New Year's festival was

staged in the city of Babylon in Babylonia, whose ruins stand near the modern town of alHillah, Iraq. The new year was celebrated in late March at the vernal equinox, when spring begins, and the celebration lasted 11 days. Modern festivities pale by comparison.

Initiating the events, a high priest, rising two hours before dawn, washed in the sacred water of the Euphrates River, then offered a hymn to the region's chief god of agriculture, Marduk. The priest prayed for a bountiful new cycle of crops.

The rump of a beheaded ram was rubbed against the temple walls to absorb any contagion that might infest the sacred edifice and by implication, the next year's harvest. This is the history of New Year's Day.

The holy day's shift began with the Romans. Under the ancient calendar, the Romans observed March 23, the beginning of

spring, as the first day of the year.

From that time, many things have changed. In the 11th and 13th centuries, the British celebrated New Year's on March 23, the French on Easter Sunday and the Italians on Christmas Day, which was then December 15; only on the Iberian Peninsula was the day observed on Jan. 1. It's only within the past 400 years that Jan. 1 has enjoyed widespread acceptance.

The custom of the Christmas tree, undecorated, is believed to have begun in Germany in the first half of the 700's.

As a holy day and holiday, Christmas is an amalgam of the traditions from a half-

dozen cultures accumulated over centuries. A turkey dinner, a decorated tree, Christmas cards, Santa Claus, Yule logs, bells and carols originated with different peoples to become integral parts of Dec. 25.

The idea to celebrate the nativity on Dec. 25 was first suggested early in the fourth century, the clever conceit of church fathers wishing to eclipse the Dec. 25 festivities of a rival religion that threatened the existence of Christianity.

And now, everyone is preparing for Christmas and getting ready to welcome the new year.

Have a good time shopping (don't forget to balance your check books and yourself) and preparing for the holidays.

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## COLUMN

Tugba Kalafatoglu

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advantage of whatever light you can."

Phototherapy is a highly effective treatment for SAD patients, she said, although prescription drugs and psychotherapy are sometimes used as well.

Phototherapy is administered through a light unit, which is usually smaller than an average suitcase but shines at an intensity of 10-20 times brighter than normal indoor lighting. The patient sits 20 inches from the unit for about 30 minutes a day, either at dawn or dusk, she said.

"Usually about three-fourths of patients show major improvements within two weeks," she said.

Longa began researching SAD about four years ago when she was diagnosed with it. She was hesitant at first to purchase a light unit because of the expense (\$230-\$500), but now believes it was the best money she has ever spent.

Studies about SAD first appeared about 15 years ago and the first light units were used in the early 1980s, but Longa said she had a hard time finding information about the disorder or treatment in Omaha.

"What I try to provide for people is what I wish I could have accessed; someone who would evaluate my symptoms and provide information about SAD and who had a light unit that I could try out before making a decision to buy one," she said.

Longa said that since there isn't a wealth of information

about SAD readily available to the public, people sometimes confuse it with the "holiday blues."

"It's very separate from the holiday blues," she said. "It's not triggered by the holidays."

Joseph LaVoie, UNO psychology professor, said holiday blues are triggered by a sense of loss or a sense of "missing out" during the holiday season. The blues can strike people who don't have the money to acquire the material things that go with the season, or those who don't have family or friends to share the holiday spirit with. Even more common is the stress that people feel when they get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season, he said.

Lavoie said people can help themselves by focusing on the positive aspects of the season and their lives.

To those who are stressed out, he advised, "Loosen up, mellow out, cut back. Take time to enjoy the season. Evaluate whether all of the things you are trying to do are really necessary."

Longa urged those who are experiencing the symptoms of SAD to check with a clinician for diagnosis.

"Most of us want to snuggle up by the fireplace and hibernate during the winter," she said. "In the early days of our species it worked out real well—they'd just go into their caves and not do much. It worked then, but it doesn't work these days."

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"We needed something small, because of the space available," Graham said.

The store sells science and math educational items ranging from past favorites, such as a gyroscope or a slinky, to space-age items, such as freeze-dried ice cream. The hand boiler, combination pen and finger boiler, and tornado tube sell there also. The hand boiler and finger boiler use body heat to boil water.

Teresa Castelhano, a senior geology major who works at the store, said, "Kids are buying a lot of freeze-dried ice cream. The liquid timers are popular with kids. We have sold most of them."

"We sell science and math books at the store, but not enough of them," Graham said.

"People are always asking for books with science projects," he said, "we would like to stock more books, but we just don't have the space right now."

"The store is doing very good during the week, to where we have to stay open a half hour later," Castelhano said.

"On the weekend it has been busy during the Mannheim Steamroller show (at the planetarium) and it was busy over Thanksgiving weekend," she said.

The store currently opens seven days a week with varied evening and afternoon hours. Faculty and staff get a 10-percent discount with identification.

For another source of funding, the physics department builds some of the center's exhibitions.

"For some of the exhibitions we only have to buy the material, because we build them ourselves," Graham said.

Two of the projects built by the physics department are Jacob's Ladder and Focused Sound.

Jacob's Ladder carries a spark along two wires. The wires separate and the spark grows longer. It costs about \$11,000 retail, Graham said.

Focused Sound directs sound between two reflectors standing 64 feet apart. A person talking at one end in a normal voice sends a sound to the other end. The physics department built part of the device and the remainder was donated, Graham said.

NASA Select TV broadcasts via satellite in the Discovery Center and panels provided by NASA teach about meteorites, space suits and space food.

"The purpose is science and math outreach ... to interest students and their parents in science and math," he said.

# Golden Key to Help America Rise and Shine

By Karma JC Camphor

UNO's Golden Key National Honor Society will say good morning to America.

Sharon Einspahr, the president of UNO's chapter of the honorary, said she watches "Good Morning America" as she gets ready for class. She wondered what the selection process was for the groups or individuals from across the country who said good morning.

In September, Einspahr contacted a local television station and asked for further information on how to become selected for "Good Morning America." The station put Einspahr in contact with the "Good Morning America" public relations office.

Einspahr said she was told the selection process normally takes from six months to a year. She said after a few phone calls and some paperwork, the organization was notified about four months later that they had been selected.

Einspahr said the local television station's camera crews will tape a 30-second spot Jan. 5 and forward it to the "Good Morning America" staff in New York. The spot will be broadcast around the country on Feb. 2.

Einspahr said her organization will make up its own script and select a place on campus where it wants the spot taped.

She said in her initial communications to the "Good Morning America" staff, she had to convince them there was another University of Nebraska campus besides the one in Lincoln.

"We're in Omaha," she said she repeated to them over and over again.

If the weather is nice the organization would like to do the spot outside in front of the Arts and Sciences Hall, Einspahr said. She said they have alternate locations chosen in case the weather does not permit an outside taping.

Einspahr said the organization is excited about being on "Good Morning America."

"I am so proud we were selected," she said.

Einspahr said as the president of the organization she will say a brief message identifying the group and their location and the officers as well as their faculty adviser will all say "Good Morning America."

Einspahr said she hopes the spot will let the country know there is another campus in Nebraska located in Omaha.

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# Spanish Enrollment Goes Loco

By College Press Service

## ¿Habla Español?

If you do, you're part of the latest classroom trend, as school officials across the country say they're witnessing the dramatic increases in the number of students enrolled in Spanish classes.

As the number of Spanish speaking people continue to grow in the United States, many students are wishing to capitalize in the increasing number of career opportunities for bilingual speakers.

"I'm trying to gain experience for my career as a teacher," said Meghan Nord, a senior at the University of Puget Sound in Washington. "With the rise in bilingual education, I realized that learning Spanish could only open more opportunities."

Like Nord, many students express an interest in the field of bilingual education. But Spanish classes are not only filling to capacity with would-be teachers. Increased academic interest in the language has hit colleges across the country.

• Since 1990, enrollment in Spanish classes at the University of Puget Sound as increased 300 percent.

• Spanish majors at Trinity University in Texas have increased so much in the past five years that they now outnumber students taking French and German by a three-to-one ratio.

• At Harvard University, a record-high 589 students signed up for courses in Spanish, 25 percent more than last year.

• At the University of Texas, more than half of the credit hours earned in foreign languages last year were from students taking courses in Spanish. Enrollment in Spanish classes at the Arlington campus reached 4,502 students this fall, a 200-plus increase from last year.

According to the Modern Language Association, nearly half of the 1.2 million students enrolled in college foreign language courses are taking Spanish. In 1990, the last year numbers were available for comparison, 534,000 students took Spanish classes, up 29 percent from 1986.

"The most obvious reason for the increase in Spanish class enrollment is the simple need for the language," says Michelle Fuerch, professor of Spanish at Ripon College in Wisconsin. "More people have become aware of the demand for communication with Hispanics in this country, and they are tailoring their education to meet that demand."

Fuerch says she often hears from former students who received job offers ahead of other applicants because of their bilingual skills. "The ability to speak Spanish is really applicable in a number of fields," says Fuerch, adding that Spanish is the world's third most popular language with an estimated 300 million people who speak some form of it. "If a business can offer services to people who may have been shut out otherwise because of language barriers, they'll make more money. Having employees who can speak a variety of languages just makes sense."

## Employability

According to a U.S. Department of Labor and Bureau Statistics, students with Spanish-speaking skills can easily be employed in most of the fastest-growing occupations, which include human services workers, health care professionals, paralegals, teachers, correction officers, child care workers, psychologists, nurses and insurance investigators.

Many of the college students who major or minor in Spanish already have a familiarity with the language. In fact, many of today's high school students are taking at least two years of a foreign language as a result of increased academic requirements from state governments. And while these students take a variety of languages, ranging from French to Russian to Latin, enrollment in Spanish classes top all others.

"A lot of students take the class because it's what their friends are taking, but the majority of students in high school and even college have this perception that Spanish is the easiest language to learn," says Fuerch. "The truth is that there is really nothing easy about a foreign language. It takes years to acquire our own language. A foreign language is that much more difficult."

Fuerch says learning any foreign tongue is similar to learning to play a musical instrument. "It can take years for a person to get a true feel for the rhythm of the words," says Fuerch. "Even then, you have to immerse yourself without the culture to get a real understanding."

But for many Spanish students, the draw of the language is nowhere near as romantic. "Students are becoming more aware that we are moving toward a global economy, and the world is becoming more interdependent," says Barbara Hetrick, vice president and dean of academic affairs at Hood College in Frederick, Md. "They also realize that the demographics of this country are

changing with a larger Spanish-speaking population emerging."

## Popularity

According to the 1990 U.S. Census, more than 17 million residents of the United States speak Spanish in their homes. Spanish-speaking persons made up 7.5 percent of the United States in 1990, up from 5.3 percent in 1980.

Hetrick says that students fluent in Spanish can find jobs in various areas of business, as well as positions in teaching, health care and social work, especially near larger cities.

Priscilla Scotlan, director of career planning and placement at the University of California-Berkeley, says employers have been looking for bilingual students for years. "If people are going to stay in areas where there is a large Hispanic population, then the ability to speak Spanish is extremely helpful," she said. "We see an interest in bilingual students from schools, health care providers and most service industries."

Forty percent of 9,366 corporate executives KPMG Peat Marwick surveyed said their firms were looking for new employees fluent in Spanish to help establish and maintain any new relationships that resulted from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Barbara Euresti, director of the Liberal Arts Career Center at the University of Texas-Austin, says the passage of NAFTA brought an onslaught of phone calls from recruiters. "Companies that are looking into going into Mexico to begin a branch of their business need graduates who can speak Spanish fluently," says Euresti.

"Even companies with contacts in Latin American, like food brokers, need students who speak Spanish to help them deal with their foreign accounts."

Acknowledging that NAFTA "definitely enhanced the increase" in students' interest in Spanish classes at Whitman College in Washington, professor Celia Weller says enrollment in a Spanish language course has almost tripled over the past three years.

"Students see that if they're going to take a language, and they plan to stay in the West, the Midwest or anywhere near a large urban area, that language should be Spanish," says Weller, who

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# FROM THE WIRE

## Student Aid, Federal Research Under Knife

Washington (CPS) — Student aid programs and federal research are among the programs targeted for billions in budget cuts by the newly elected Republican majority in Congress.

While White House officials say it's still too early to tell how the Republican agenda will impact President Clinton's policies, student leaders and administrators say they fear the proposed changes may mean students could be paying thousands of dollars more in interest on their student loans.

Even before the election, GOP leaders present voters with a series of changes they would support which would affect colleges and universities across the nation.

In their "Contract with America," which outlines billions of dollars in possible cuts from a variety of federal programs, Republicans say they plan on.

- Cutting \$1.34 billion, or 60 percent of the total budget, paid to teaching hospitals.
- Cutting \$7.6 billion in job training grants.
- Cutting \$3.5 billion in aid to students and colleges.
- Eliminating government payments of interest on student loans while students are in school, saving \$8 billion.
- Cutting \$1.62 billion from aid to schools that conduct federal research.
- Cutting \$2.87 billion out of federal funds to campus aid programs.

- Cutting \$1.23 billion on academic computer projects.
- Cutting \$830 million on agriculture research.

Madeleine Kunin, U.S. deputy secretary of education, said department officials are concerned about the proposed cuts to subsidized student loans. Under the Republican plan, interest would compound while the student finished college, adding hundreds or thousands of dollars in interest for the student upon graduation.

"It would have a significant impact on students," she said, adding that a typical \$5,000 loan would incur an additional \$350 per year if interest is not suspended while that student is

in school. "It seems like it would discourage the very students the loan program was designed to help."

Kunin said that it is the Department of Education's responsibility to tell the new Congress how the loan programs benefit students. "So far the success rate of the National Direct Student Loan program seems to speak for itself," she said. "We have always intended to do a first-rate job so we have satisfied customers. Hopefully they'll take that into consideration."

Kunin said the new federal loan programs could run into problems simply because they were initiated by Clinton, but she hopes the newly elected officials "act in the best interest of this country's students. I don't expect the president will change his educational philosophy."

Neither does the First Lady. During a trip to Indonesia last week, Hillary Rodham Clinton said that "the president had to stand for what he's stood for. He has to stick with his principles and protect the progress that has been made."

One area of progress outlined by Clinton was the Direct Student Loan Program. "I don't think the American public wants to see college loans for middle-class kids — which the president pushed through the Congress — cut back and eliminated," Clinton said.

While some college officials fear the national service programs will be cut, Wendy Grassi, spokesman for the Corporation for National Service, said she is confident the AmeriCorps program will remain intact. "We had bipartisan support when the legislation was passed," she said, "and we expect it to continue."

But Scott Izzo, executive director of the Student Conservation Association, said he worries that the new Congress may place less priority on the national service movement. "The concept would continue, but I don't know if the funding will," Izzo said. "AmeriCorps has really helped revive volunteerism

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normal hours and until midnight during the final week of the semester. He said the best time to use the labs are "early in the morning or late at night."

Students should avoid the user labs between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. because those are the busiest hours. Weekends are also quiet.

A good place to use PC's is UNO's Peter Kiewit Conference Center lab because it is underused, Zifkovsky said. There are eight computers almost never used at the Kiewit Center. The Durham Science Center, College of Business Administration and Eppley Administration Building also have labs.

Students who have problems retrieving lost information from disks should refer to the Training Center in Room 009 of the Eppley Building, he said, because people at the help desk have more time than lab consultants.

The user rooms are not the only places crowded at the end of the semester. Many students use the UNO Library's extensive services in preparation for final projects and exams.

Library Director Robert S. Runyon said there are many of services offered at the Library and people to help students at the

reference desk. Some Library employees specialize in certain areas to aid students further.

"One of our slogans is 'Start your search with GENISYS,'" Runyon said. GENISYS is UNO's inter-campus library computer system. The Library can also recall a book on loan and get it in a couple of days for students. The Library can check computer catalogs at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Creighton University if a book is not available at UNO.

He said the number of students who do not have computers in their homes surprises him and would recommend buying one to be up to date. With a modem, students can dial in and use Library services from home. If students have a computer and modem "you don't even have to worry about parking," Runyon said.

The Library did not extend its hours for finals, but this semester it is open two hours later on Sundays. Runyon said he recommends coming to the Library early on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and noon because parking is easier and not as many people are there. The Library's busiest hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., he said.

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chairs Whitman's foreign language department. "Studying Spanish is more than just an aesthetic study of a foreign language — it's practical. Students see that they'll use Spanish more than any other language in their careers."

Jennifer Brody graduated from the University of Illinois in 1993 with a double major in English and Spanish. While she is still not sure where her knowledge of the Spanish language and culture will take her, she has already benefited from it in other fields. "Coming out of school, I was able to help kids who were having problems with their classes because of the language barrier."

And after taking her next job as a reporter

with a weekly newspaper chain, Brody was able to put her skills to use again. After the mother of an often-truant high school student was sentenced to sit with her daughter in class, Brody was able to get the mother's side of the story firsthand, not through the school's translator like other members of the local media. "I was able to get her real feelings and quotes because I didn't have to go through another source," Brody says. "And when you read the different accounts of the story, you can tell."

While Spanish classes are on the rise, enrollment in other language courses, especially French, is dropping off.

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"I want the country to see the pride we have on campus," she said.

She said she hopes to promote awareness of the Golden Key National Honor Society. The organization takes part in numerous community service projects, she said.

"If others become aware of who we are and what we do it may awaken people to help others," she said.

She said she hopes the entire campus feels the pride that the organization feels.

"It would be fun to have an audience to watch us," Einspahr said.

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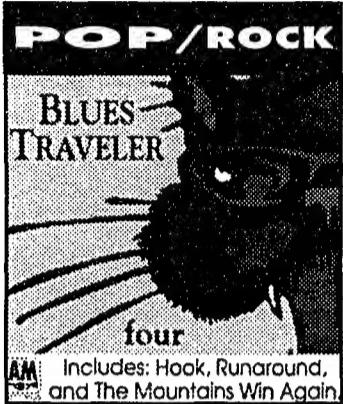
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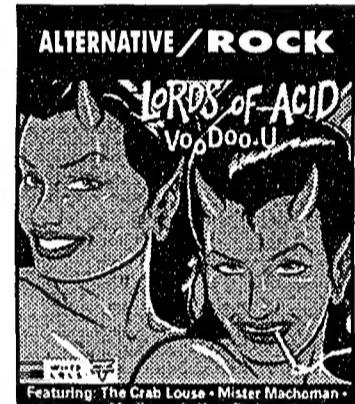
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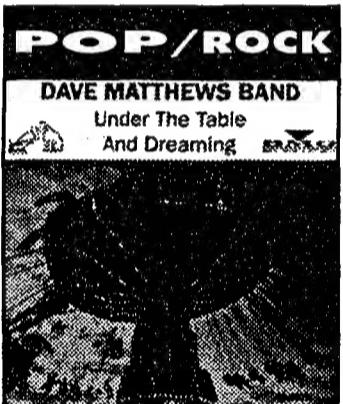


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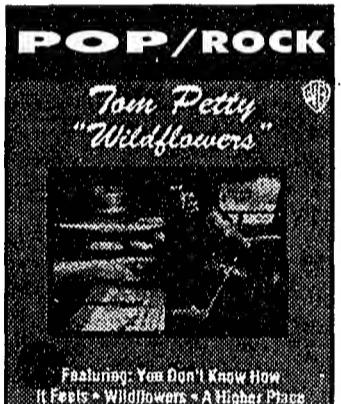
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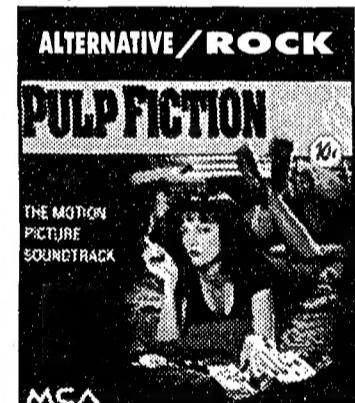
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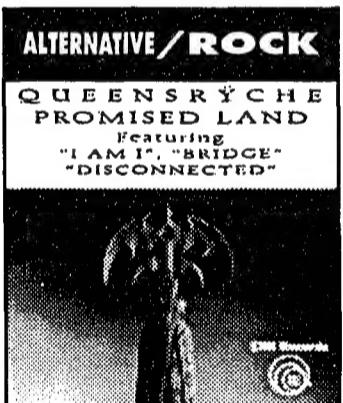
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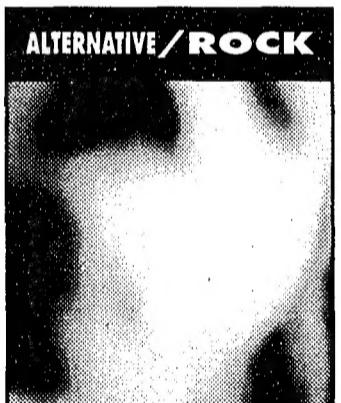
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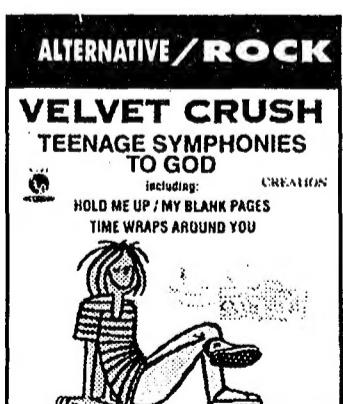
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# SPORTS

## Lady Mavs Meet Goal With Wins at Cox Cable Classic

By Tim Rohwer

The UNO women's basketball team achieved one of its main objectives in this early part of the season by winning the Cox Cable Classic over the weekend in the UNO Fieldhouse.

The Mavs defeated Quincy, 82-34, in Friday's first-round game, then won the championship by beating Emporia State, 84-62, on Saturday evening before 500 fans.

Junior center Dennis Young led the Mavs with 21 points and 10 rebounds against the Emporia Hornets who came into the championship game sporting a 4-0 record, including a win over Southwest Minnesota State in Friday's other first-round game.

The two wins improved UNO's record to 4-1.

"This was a big step for us because one of our goals was to win this tournament," Mav Coach Cherri Mankenberg said after the game. "We have a long way to go, but I'm pleased with the team's progress. It was a good lesson for us."

Despite the impressive victory, UNO did not look like a champion in the early part of the first half as turnovers and penalties stopped many scoring opportunities. In fact, the Mavs had only nine points after the first eight minutes.

"We were real tentative at the start, but give credit to Emporia. Their defense was very aggressive. They're a good team," Mankenberg said.

Junior guard Linda Roh got the Mavs going against the Hornets when she hit a 3-pointer at the 18:29 mark in the first half. After Emporia center Dawn Gronewoller made a pair free throws, junior forward Michelle Spelman gave the Mavs two more points by grabbing an offensive rebound and laying it in at the 16:20 mark.

UNO had a chance to get another basket almost immediately when Spelman stole a Hornet pass and drove for the bucket, but turned it over herself.

At the 12:35 mark, Young made her first points of the night by hitting a long jumper to make the score 9-5 in favor of UNO. Again, the Mavs turned the ball over after stealing a Hornet pass to stop another scoring chance.

Emporia also had to deal with turnovers, including one at the 10:30 mark that gave UNO a big early lead.

After the Mavs got the ball on the turnover, junior guard Cathy Mauer hit a 3-pointer to give UNO a 17-7 cushion.

The Hornets stung the Mavs near the end of the half by coming to within two points on several occasions.

A layup by forward Elizabeth Rulon brought Emporia to within 21-19 at the 6:39 mark. Following a layup by Roh, Hornet forward Stacy Humphrey answered with her own to make the score 23-21 with five minutes left.

The two teams went back and forth that way for the next few minutes before the Mavs went on a 5-0 run late in the period. A key basket came at the 1:36 mark when sophomore guard Stacie Kaiser stole an inbound pass and scored a layup to give UNO a 32-25 lead.

Emporia scored two of the next three baskets to cut the deficit at the half to five at 34-29.

After the Hornets got to within four at 36-32 early in the second period, Roh and Young made a couple of big plays each to get the Mavs out to a more comfortable margin.

With Emporia in position to cut the lead to two, Roh stole a pass and received a foul going to the basket. After missing the first free throw, Roh hit the second to give UNO a 37-32 advantage.

Shortly thereafter, Roh stole the ball again and threw it to Young who scored on a layup at the 18-minute mark. About 30 seconds later, Young scored another layup to give the Mavs a 41-32 lead.

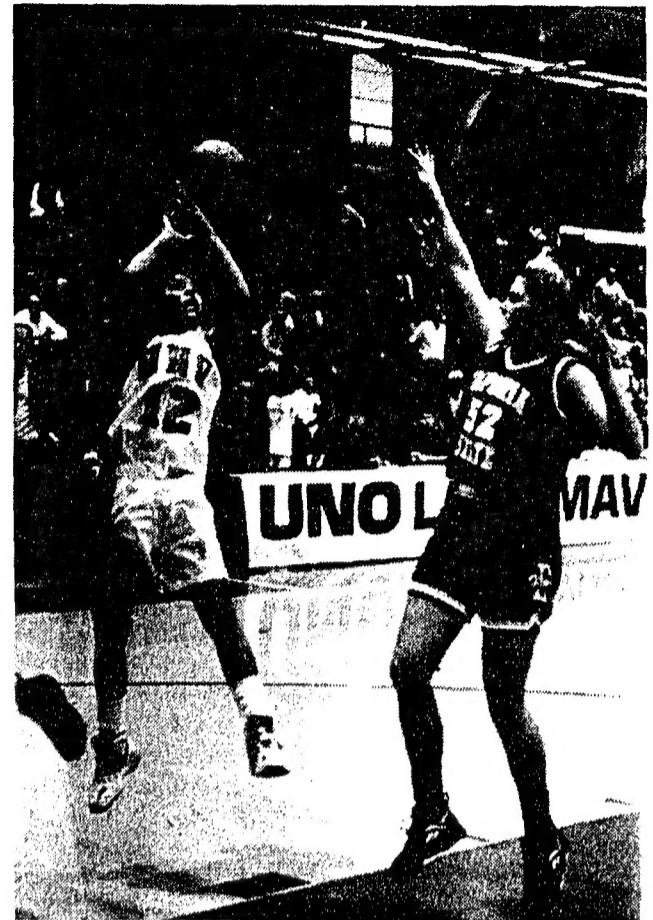
As the game went along, UNO increased its lead even more, but the Hornets would not die and got back to within 50-44 with a little more than 13 minutes to play.

A jumper by Young at the 12:34 mark gave UNO a 52-44 lead and the Mavs scored the next nine points to take charge for good.

UNO's biggest lead came at the 1:37 mark when Spelman scored on a layup to make the score 77-58. The Mavs' most dramatic basket came right before the buzzer when Roh hit a shot from nearly 30 feet out.

Besides being the leading UNO scorer and rebounder, Young also led the team in steals with six. This was a big improvement from her performance against Quincy the previous evening when she had 10 points and six rebounds.

It was such a big improvement for Young, who was



—Scott Kemper

**UNO's Beth Wilkinson lets one fly over Emporia's Stacy Humphrey in Saturday's Cox Cable championship game.**

named the most valuable player in the tournament.

"Dennie led the team in steals, rebounds and points tonight and that's tough to do for a post player," Mankenberg said. "An aggressive player can do that and that's what she is. Dennis is a strong, physical and smart player."

Young credited her teammates for her award.

"I didn't play well last night (Friday), but tonight I was more focused and I relied a lot on the team and they pulled me through," she said.

Young wasn't the only dominant player for the Mavs as Roh contributed 17 points, while Kaiser added 13 and sophomore forward Amy Breen had 10 along with seven

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## Division I Wichita Outscores Mavs

By Tim Rohwer

Before his team played Wichita State, an NCAA Division I school, Saturday Mav Basketball Coach Tim Carter said, "A Division I school is bigger and quicker than a Division II team, but it still comes down to taking the right shots and making the right decisions."

Even though UNO lost to the Shockers, 89-66, the Mavs made plenty of good shots and decisions early on to please the coach.

UNO overcame a big deficit to take a temporary lead and also out shot the Shockers from a 3-point range for the entire game.

Wichita State started the contest on an 11-0 run and the crowd of 5,893 at Levitt Arena on the Wichita campus probably started thinking of a blowout.

The Mavs didn't give up and when sophomore forward Derrick Bogay scored on a layup after three and a half minutes of play, the ice finally melted. Bogay's basket was the first of nine straight UNO scores as the Mavs got back into the game.

UNO tied the game at 18 at the halfway mark of the first half when freshman forward Tim Burrell hit a 3-pointer. Sophomore forward Michael Rieves knocked in another 3-pointer less than a minute later to give the Mavs a 21-20 lead.

UNO took its biggest lead with 7:25 minutes remaining in the half on junior guard Andy Price's 3-pointer for a 24-20 advantage.

The Shockers fought back and outscored the Mavs 22-7 the last seven minutes of the half to take a 42-31 lead into halftime. Bogay

had to sit on the bench during the last few minutes of the half after picking up his third foul. He did come back in the second half and scored 11 of his 13 points.

Wichita State used its height advantage early in the second half to increase its lead to

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—File Photo

**Mav guard Richard Jones, seen in earlier action, scored 11 points against Division I Wichita Saturday.**

## Swim Team Paddles For

## Success, Develops Skills

By Tim Rohwer

What better way to pass the time during the cold and snowy months than by taking a dip in the swimming pool.

At least that is the opinion of Ty Barrett, coach of the UNO Swim Team.

Barrett, who has been a swimming coach for 20 years, is trying to get the program back on track and said he wants more members. About 25 people have attended various meetings since the program started in October, he said.

"They haven't had a swim program here for about eight to 10 years," he said. "I remember they had a meet here during the early 1980s. They had a powerhouse program back then. It would be nice if we had more members."

Barrett said joining the team can enhance a swimmer's skills as well as creating new friendships.

"The average person on the team hasn't swam for four years, though most know how to swim," he said. "This is a good way to keep up with swimming skills and refine their techniques. It also develops good friendships. A swimming pool is a great place for people to get together. Many times after practice, we'll go over to the Student Center for coffee and find out about each other."

Barrett said his experience as a teacher could be beneficial to novice swimmers.

"The biggest thing is conditioning. Each day before we practice, we warm up with sprints, strokes, the butterfly and long distance work. If the swimmers are having difficulty with something, I'll take them aside and show them how to do it," said Barrett, who is the assistant coach for the girls' swim team at Omaha Burke High School.

He also said there is no diving required.

The team meets Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the pool in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Building.

"This is a club and it's not UNO sanctioned. Officially, though, swimming has started at most colleges," Barrett said.

There are many benefits to swimming other than for the competition, he said.

"I've been swimming since I was 15 and I've always enjoyed it," Barrett said. "It's good exercise and people tend to eat better, enjoy more sleep and concentrate more in school. You also don't worry when you're in the water. It's so relaxing."

There are many students from different countries and age groups on the team who makes participating fun, he added.

"We have students from Japan and Chile,

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## SPORTS shorts

### Maverick Gridders Score With Academic Honors

UNO football players Jeff Prochazka and Byron Johnson earned honorable mention on the North Central Conference All-Academic team.

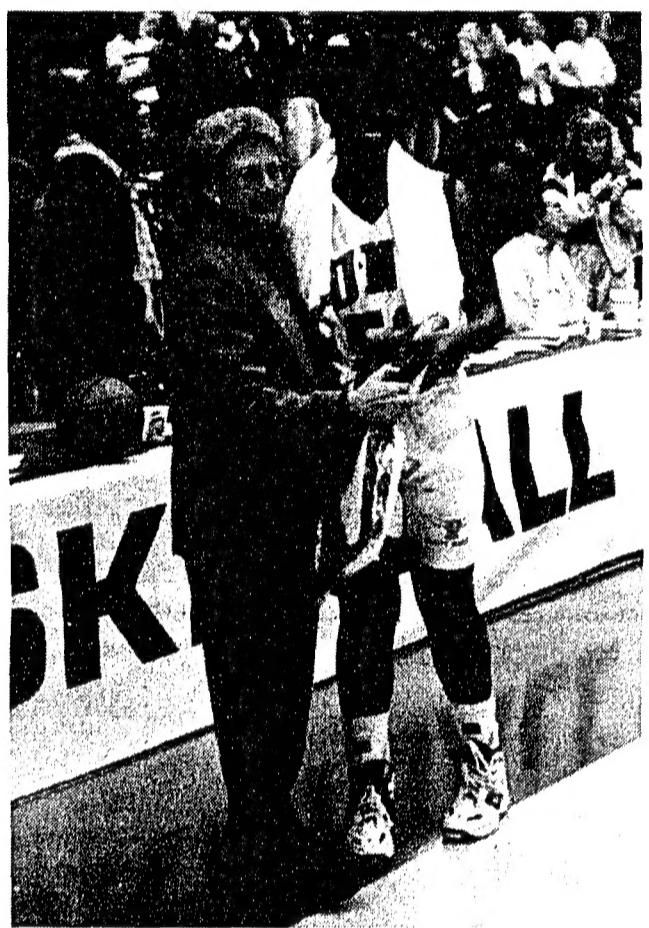
Prochazka, a sophomore offensive lineman from Lincoln, is majoring in engineering. Johnson, a senior who suffered a season-ending eye injury in October, was a defensive back from Omaha. He is majoring in secondary education.

### UNO Wrestlers Place Seven For Strong Finish in Iowa

The Mav. wrestling team placed seven members at the Northern Iowa Saturday in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Raphael Kizzee was UNO's top performer by winning the 167-pound championship.

The other wrestlers who placed in their weight division were Lim Prim who finished in fifth in the 118-pound division; Jim Foster, second in the 126-pound division;



—Scott Kemper

Dennie Young receives the most valuable player award from Assistant Athletic Director Connie Claussen. Young had 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Mavs.

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rebounds. Roh and Breen were named to the all-tournament team, along with Young.

"Stacie had a nice game for us, Linda played great defense and the boards were the key for Amy Breen," Mankenberg said. "They were very important late in the game when Emporia was making a run on us."

The Mavs suffered 23 turnovers that caused their coach some concern.

"We were playing tense out there tonight," Mankenberg said. "We need to know the difference between playing tense and playing with intensity and having fun. We didn't really have fun tonight."

In Friday's first-round game, Breen led the Mavs scoring 11 of her game-high 13 points in the first half. Her two biggest baskets were back-to-back 3-pointers that gave UNO a 19-6 lead and Quincy never threatened again.

After leading 38-16 at the half, UNO didn't let up when the second half began as they outscored the Hawks 23-4 in the opening 10 minutes to take a 61-20 lead.

UNO's defense played well, forcing 34 Quincy turnovers. The Mavs also took charge on the boards with five players grabbing five or more rebounds.

Southwest Minnesota beat Quincy in Saturday's third-place game, 77-62, behind the shooting of guard Lillie Brown who had 21 points.

The Mavs' next game will be on the road Wednesday at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Steve Costanzo, third in the 134-pound division; Brian Zanders, fourth in the 158-pound division; Pat Kelley, second in the 190-pound division; and Phil Smart, sixth in the 158-pound division.

There was no team scoring.

Kizzee, defeated Miami of Ohio's Barry Jarvis 6-4 in sudden death to win the title.

"He did a heck of a job, a heck of a job," said Jim Bayly, an assistant coach to Mike Denney. "Ralph was banged up at our Kaufman Open on Nov. 19, but I wasn't surprised he came back this weekend. He's a good one."

UNO's next action will be Saturday at the University of Nebraska at Kearney Open.

### Lady Mavs' Campbell Earns All-Region Honor

Senior volleyball player Kevin Campbell was named to the All-North Central Region Team last week. Earlier, she was named to the North Central Conference squad.

Campbell, a Millard South graduate, qualifies for consideration to the All-American squad.

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a 17-point margin.

Overall, the Shockers out rebounded UNO 55-41, including a 27-15 edge on the offensive boards. The 6-foot-7 junior forward Larry Callis led the Shockers with 16 rebounds and 11 points. Jamie Arnold, a 6-foot-7 sophomore forward, added 10 rebounds and led all scorers with 24 points.

The Shockers built the lead to as much as 32 points with 3:30 to play before the Mavs came back in the closing minutes. Sophomore guard Peter Ledford led the Mavs with 15 points, while sophomore guard Richard Jones added 11.

Wichita State out shot the Mavs 45 percent to 39.7 percent, though UNO had a slight advantage in 3-point shooting. The Mavs made eight 3-pointers in 24 attempts, while the Shockers were seven of 25.

The Mavs' next games are this weekend at home in the UNO Fieldhouse. UNO plays the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Friday at 8:05 p.m., and Dana College on Saturday at 7 p.m.

They will also play four home games during the holiday break. UNO hosts Pittsburg State on Dec. 17 at 8:05 p.m., Doane College on Dec. 21 at 7 p.m., Mankato State on Dec. 30 at 8:05 p.m., and St. Cloud State on Dec. 31 at 8:05 p.m.

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as well as freshmen and graduate students and about half are women," Barrett said. "It's a varied group and I love it."

He also said the HPER pool is one of the best in the Midwest.

"The water in the HPER pool is a constant 82 degrees and it's not drafty," Barrett said. "The water's good and the facilities are great. You couldn't ask for more."

He said the pool holds about a half-million gallons of water which is impressive for a college facility.

The club's first meet will be on Jan. 18, Barrett said.

"It will be against Northern Colorado, South Dakota and the UNO's Masters Program," Barrett said. "It will be a fun meet which means the participants will swim just for time. It won't be who can beat who."

He said anyone interested in joining can simply show up at the pool during practice time or leave a message in the club's mailbox in the main HPER office by the entrance.

"It's open to all UNO students, faculty and staff and it's free. Just bring your suits and goggles," he said. "It's laid back and offers good exercise and great friendships. I love it."

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makes all the difference in the world."

But do students who are on the borderline want to know their scores right away? Andover thinks so. "I did well, so obviously, I was happy," she said. "But even if your grade is not as high as you need it, you know right then and there. You don't have to sit at home worried sick waiting for the mail."

Those who opt for the computerized version will end up paying nearly twice as much as those who take the test in its original format, which is \$93 instead of the normal price of \$48. But for Andover, the extra money was well worth it. "The fact that I was able to take the test on my own terms instead of on a morning I had to set months in advance was worth the extra money to me," she said. "It was a lot less stressful than an ordinary test."

### Changes to GMAT

Due to the increased awareness of the importance of writing in the business world, test officials at the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) have changed its format for the first time since it was created in 1964. A writing section has been added to the new test that will measure a student's communication skills.

Beginning Oct. 15, The GMAT essay became a mandatory section of the exam. Students now have to write two essays, one analyzing a business issue and the other arguing a selected

point of view.

The writing section is divided into 30-minute halves and brings the test's total time to about four hours.

The essay portion is then graded by GMAT officials, and the grade and a copy of the essay itself is then sent to each school to which the applicant applied.

On the final test date before the writing section became part of the exam, GMAT officials say the percentage of people taking the test increased by 15 percent.

"A lot of students were concerned about the new writing portions of the test," said Kaplan's Edward Downey. "We are talking about students who haven't had to write for a course in about two or three years."

Downey said that even those students who have written in the past may have trouble because the GMAT essay is written with pencil and paper. "People are used to writing on computers where they can edit as they go by moving paragraphs around and switching sentences," he said. "Now they have to have their thoughts all in order before they begin writing."

Addy Chang took the new GMAT in Atlanta, and found it easier than she expected. "I really spent a lot of time preparing so I was all right," Chang said. "But the writing portion was kind of tough. It's the first thing you do, and at 8 a.m., I would have much rather started filling in circles."

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in this country, and it would be unfortunate if the investment made in the program was cut or eliminated."

Susan Ball, executive director of the College Art Association, said despite the potential for further budget slashing of the National Endowment for the Arts, college art programs should remain intact. "The economic impact of art on universities is strong enough that I think it will prevail," she said. "The money that is being brought in by art programs is a significant boon to a lot of schools. It's hard to argue with those numbers."

And while Ball said she expects support for the program to continue, she realizes that cuts to the N.E.A. will greatly affect the type of work students are allowed to exhibit. "When cuts in funding take place, the things that are experimental and non-traditional get pushed aside," she said. "The more controversial pieces of work may never get seen by their appropriate audience."

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